MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 558.
(*b*) 218.
(*c*) Rs. 31,52,986.
(*d*) Rs. 2,71,047-10-14 (till 10/1121).

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRY: May I know whether the works which are not taken up this year are included in the next year's budget?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): വേറെ സബ്സ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ട് വരുന്നതുവരെ ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ ഇവിടെ ഇരിക്കണമെന്ന അദ്ദേഹത്തോടഭ്യർത്ഥിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

PRESIDENT: He is only asked to stay for the time being, so as to avoid dislocation. But we shall have to make enquiries all over India, because the works are of an important character. We cannot have second rate men brought in. Therefore, it may take some considerable time. We have to enquire outside the Madras Presidency, inside the Madras Presidency, and in other Indian States. We do not know how we are going to get different Engineers for different works. We want three Engineers; one for Hydro-Electric Schemes, another for irrigation works and a third for implementing the industrial policy of the Government. One person will not be able to cope with all these works. Either one very eminent man will be brought in, or we will have three. We can do this only after very careful consideration.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether that amout would be included in the next year's Budget?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. According to the rules enunciated by Government these amounts do not lapse and they can be allotted from year to year at least for three years. Any work put in the Budget this year will be automatically carried into next year's Budget and will be carried over to the next year's Budget unless of course the Public Works Department Advisory Committee comes to the conclusion that some other work has become much more important and must be pushed up.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: That amount also represents this year itself.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I have already said that it would not lapse. A fund is being formed of the amounts allotted for each year's works which have not been carried on during that year.

Minor irrigation works.

462. * MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount spent under minor irrigation works in the Changanacherry taluk in 1120 and 1121;

(*b*) the separate items on which the same has been spent; and

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(*c*) whether any amount has been spent for the Kuttapuzha Canal ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS :

(*a*) In 1120 ... Rs. 10,558.
In 1121 ... Rs. 19,427.

(*b*) A *list of works on which the above expenditure was incurred is placed on the table.

(*c*) A sum of Rs. 775 was spent in 1120. No work was done in 1121.

MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR : In the answer (*c*) it has been stated that an amount of Rs. 775 was spent in 1120. Is the member aware that the work of the canal has not deen completed ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : It has not been completed. Hardly any work was done in 1121 because there was need to revise the estimates. The work could not be done with the original estimates. The estimate is under revision and it will be taken up soon.

Boat jetty at Vaikom.

463. ❋ MR. V. MADHAVAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the boat jetty and the waiting shed at Vaikom were dismantled ; and

(*b*) why the reconstruction of the jetty and the shed is delayed ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) Early in 1120.

(*b*) The work was delayed for want of asbestos roofing sheets.

MR. V. MADHAVAN: May I know whether sheets are now available?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Sheets are now available and the work will be soon completed.

Road to Karoor.

464. ❋ MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the local public have constructed a cartable road about 3½ miles in length from the 1st mile stone in the Lalam-Palai road in the Minachil taluk to Karoor in the east ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Yes.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : സർക്കാരിലേക്ക് കുറേറോഡ് അവിടത്തെ ജനങ്ങൾക്കൂടി പണംപിരിച്ച് വെട്ടിയുണ്ടാക്കിയതാണ്. ഇപ്പോൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറിലേക്ക് എടുക്കാൻ മാത്രമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : The position is this. Some of the ryots promised to surrender their lands free of cost. But they have not actually surrendered them. The promoters of the scheme had promised to deposit the amount required. They too have not done so. As soon as these are done, the Government will consider the question of taking it up.

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Appendix

Vide Answer to Question No. 462

	1120 Rs.	*1121* Rs.
(1) Opening a canal connecting the thodu branching from the Pampa river about a mile south west of Pulinkunnu District Hospital with paithodu ...	2,647	56
(2) Improving Anakuzhi chira in Kurichi Pakuthy, Changanacherry Taluk ...	7,909	0
(3) Improving the Kozhungallor chira in Nedumkunnam Pakuthy ...	2	0
(4) Opening a canal from Muttar to Neelamperoor ...	0	19,370
Total ...	10,558	19,426

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Arrest of Mr K. M. Chandy.

3. MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that Mr K. M. Chandy was arrested on 27-7-1946 after lifting the ban on him; and

(*b*) the reasons for the arrest.

MR. V RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Violation of restriction order by attending a public meeting at Palai on 23-6-1946, when the order was in force.

Scavengers' strike.

4. MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the scavengers of Quilon have struck work;

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken by the Government to settle the dispute; and

(*c*) the measures taken by the Public Health Department to meet the situation caused by the strike?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes, but they have resumed work.

(*b*) The Municipal authorities were asked to meet the strikers and forward proposals for increase of their pay. Proposals have been received and are under consideration.

(*c*) None. The Municipal authorities took the necessary steps in the matter.

Scavengers' strike.

5. MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) Whether they are aware of the threatened strike of scavengers in Quilon Municipality;

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